(b) The Project Report of Upper Tunga Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 379.97 crores was submitted by the Government of Karnataka to Central Water Commission in February, 1992 for providing annual irrigation of 94698 Hectares (2,34,000 Acres) to Shimoga, Dharwad & Chitradurge districts.

(c) and (d) Clearance of the Project is linked with compliance of observations regarding dam, gates, canal, irrigation planning environmental, construction material and cost aspects by the State Government.

Clearance to Pollavaram Project in Karnataka

594. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had requested for clearance of the Pollavaram Project to enable it to utilise 23 tmc. of water in terms of the Agreement entered into between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary clearance has been accorded;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the clearance is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka had requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister during May'99 for clearance of Pollavaram Project to enable it to utilise 23 tmc. of water in terms of the Agreement entered into between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) to (e) Clearance of the Pollavaram Project is linked with compliance of observations of various Central Appraising Agencies by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.